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TWO INDENTURES OF NEGROES.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS.

[These documents are in possession of Mrs. Huntington, of Springfield, Illinois, granddaughter of Jesse K. Dubois, and great-granddaughter of Toussaint Dubois, of Vincennes. We are indebted to her for permission to publish them.—EDITOR.]

THIS Indenture made this sixteenth day of December in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred & Eleven, Between Pickard & Jane, his wife, freed people of Colour, of the County of Shelby & State of Kentucky, of the one part, and Peter Hansbrough of the County and State aforesaid of the other, Witnesseth

that the said Pickard and said Jane from perpetual slavery, they having been his slaves and in consideration of what hereafter follows do Indenture and Bind themselves unto the said Peter Hansbrough for and during the term of Thirty Years to serve him with fidelity and subjection at all times without absconding themselves from service. And we the said Pickard & Jane doth make no Exception to render our service or services unto the said Peter Hansbrough or Heirs, altho removed to any of the United States or Territories thereof. And the said Peter Hansbrough doth covenant & agree to use the said Pickard & Jane with Humanity and to support & clothe the said Pickard & said Jane while performing faithfully their duty as Servants during the above term of thirty years, after which to let the said Negroes go free to all intents & purposes.

In Witness whereof we Pickard & Jane doth freely and voluntarily set our hands and seals hereunto, the day & year above written.

Test:

ENOCH HANSBROUGH.
JOHN LOGAN.
THOMAS BRADSHAW.
SAMUEL SHANNON, JR.
TRUMAN WHITE.
IGNATIUS P. RANDOLPH.

PICKARD X [Seal].

JANE X [Seal].

PETER HANSBROUGH [Seal].

This Indenture made this sixth day of November in the year Eighteen Hundred and fifteen, Between Pickard, a free man of colour, of the one part and Toussaint Dubois, Sr., of Knox County, Indiana Territory, of the other part, Witnesseth, That the said Pickard who is and acknowledges himself to be upwards of Twenty-one years of age, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars to him the said Pickard in hand paid, and of Five Hundred dollars good and Lawful money for me, and at my special instance and request, paid Tompson Taylor, agent of Samuel Oldham, and more especially for the consideration of the said Toussaint Dubois, Sr., having set me free and emancipated me, from all bondage whatever Hath, and by these presents doth, binding self, to the said Toussaint Dubois, Sr., as an Indented Servant for and during the full end and Term of Twenty years, from the date of these presents, and that I the said Pickard, will during the said Term, aforesaid, faithfully, and Honestly serve him, the said Dubois, Sr., his heirs, Executors or administrators or assigns, as well within the Indiana Territory as thereout, and that he the said Pickard will at all times give due obedience and attendance, to his or their Lawful business, and not at any time absent himself from his master, without his or their consent during the said Term. And that he will not at any time suffer his property or person to be injured if within his power to prevent it.

And the said Toussaint Dubois, Sr., for himself his heirs & doth covenant and agree, to and with the said Pickard, that he will at all times, during the said Term of Twenty years, furnish and provide him with competent and sufficient meat, drink, lodging and wearing apparel, as well in sickness as in health. And at the end of the said Term, to give him a freedom suit of clothes. Indiana Territory, ss.:

In Witness whereof the said Pickard, and the said Toussaint Dubois, has hereunto set their hands and seals. The day and year first above written.

PICKARD his X mark [Seal].

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
GEORGE R. SULLIVAN.
JAMES E. READ.
B. PARKE.

DUBOIS [Seal].

Indiana Territory, SS:

Be it remembered that on the day of the date hereof, Personally came before me the undersigned one of the Judges in and over the said territory, the above and foregoing named Pickard, a man of color & acknowledged that he had voluntarily entered into signed and sealed the foregoing Indenture for the consideration and for the purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand & seal this Sixth day of November, Eighteen Hundred and fifteen.

B. PARKE [Seal].

Recorded in my office, Vincennes, Knox County, November 5, A. D. 1815, Book A, page 269.

J. D. HAY, Reco. K. C.